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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

November 1, 2001

Dear Stakeholder:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority's November 14, 2001 public Board meeting will be held in Bakersfield at the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Board Room, 1300 17th Street, Room 1A.

I want to draw your attention to two important items on the agenda:

- For the Bay Area-Merced; Los Angeles-Bakersfield; Los Angeles-Inland Empire-San Diego; and Los Angeles-Orange County-San Diego corridors, the board will be asked to take action on the staff recommendations, for alignments, stations locations and high-speed train systems for further investigation.
- For the Sacramento-Bakersfield corridor, staff will present recommendations for alignments and station locations for further investigation. This is an information item – staff will ask the board to take action on these recommendations at the January 16, 2002 Authority meeting.

The "Draft First Screening Report" recommendations are based upon the Alignment and Station Evaluation reports for each region and take into account comments received during the formal scoping period. The purpose of the first screening is to focus the environmental studies by narrowing down the number of alignments, station locations, and high-speed train systems for continued investigation in the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS).

Please see the "Environmental Review page" on our website (www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov). The Alignment and Station Evaluation reports (including justifications for past decisions) and scoping reports have been uploaded to the site. The "Draft First Screening Report" was also added prior to the September 19th board meeting and can be found on the Environmental Review page (under "statewide") and on the "What's New" section of the webpage.

Comments can be sent to our mailing address, via our website or by attending our Authority meetings. The Authority looks forward to your input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Morshed".

Mehdi Morshed
Executive Director

